

PEAR TREE PRAYER TREE

Today, as part of our cycle of prayer, we pray for all those who live in Peveril Road and Poole Road;
Basics Bank;
our Ministry Team.



We also remember the bereaved and the housebound, all those known to you who may be ill at home or in hospital and all those who care for them.

In particular, please continue to pray for the Ockelford family, Les Beard, Win Stead, Aimee, Edith, Emily Thomas, Joan Dunnings, Pamela Clayton, Rosemary Nutburn, David Wellman, and Patsy Harrison.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

11.30 a.m. Sunday 7th April in the Church Hall

At this meeting officers and a new Parochial Church Council will be elected for the coming year. The PCC needs people who are willing to become involved in the day to day running of the Church. A nomination form is available on the Church notice board.

Please sign up if you would like to stand for election.

Please note - stand (or to vote at the meeting), you must be on the Electoral Roll of the Church. For further information, please speak to Jean Inglis, our Electoral Roll Officer (tel. 80252292).

OPEN CHURCH will commence again 1.00-4.00 p.m. every Wednesday from the beginning of May. If you would like to join the rota, please contact Jim or Jean Inglis (80252292).

~~ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY ~~

Saturday 6th April ... Messy Church Outreach with pop up Repair Café, 11.00 a.m. at the Veracity Ground Sholing.

Friday 12th April Messy Church in the Church Hall, 10.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Free entry, refreshments provided, but donations appreciated.

Saturday 20th April Messy Church Easter Outreach, 10.00-11.30 a.m. at St. Mark's Institute, Victoria Road, Woolston.

Saturday 4th May 7.00 p.m. The Merry Opera Company present a dramatic staging of Handel's Messiah in the Church. See page 15 of the new parish magazine for full details.



AT PEAR TREE CHURCH WE AIM TO LOVE
GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOURS

The Purpose of the Church in Pear Tree is to provide a place of worship where all people are welcome and encouraged to experience God's love in faith and prayer; where we will reach out as witnesses to discover the needs of the local and wider communities using our gifts and resources and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit

SUNDAY
24th
MARCH
2019

3rd Sunday
of Lent

Priest-in-Charge - Revd Miles Newton, 117 Swift Road, Woolston SO19 9ER
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10.00 a.m. PARISH WORSHIP
- Pat Hawkins

Hymns: MP 275, 31, 326, 179
Reading: Luke 13:1-9
See overleaf

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INTRODUCTORY SENTENCE

“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’” (Luke 13:8)

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER THE 10.00 a.m. SERVICE



Luke 13:1-9

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them, do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' "Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

~~ TODAY ~~

All are welcome to join Revd Miles Newton for his special birthday lunch at 12.00 p.m. in Woolston Community Centre. It would be appreciated if those with cars would offer lifts to those without transport. Thank you.

LENT CHALLENGE



For our LENT CHALLENGE this year we are asking you to remember your Basic Bank donations, maybe increasing your giving as there is still a great need for all your contributions.

Also

You might have heard or use iPhones, iPads or iPods but we have iCans! Pear Tree, like most of us, has everyday bills to pay and we could do with a bit extra so turn out your loose change, check your bags and pockets, check the sofa and pop it in the iCan that you can either collect from the table in Church or make for yourself with a lid and label. We are only asking for pennies; bring your tin to the Parish Worship Service at the end of April.

THE WEEK AHEAD

- TUE 26 MAR** 9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church - all welcome
- FRI 29 MAR** 6.45 p.m. Pear Tree Quilters in the Church Hall
- SAT 30 MAR** 9.30 a.m. Pear Tree 400 Community Coffee and Stories session - all welcome
- SUN 31 MAR** **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - Mothering Sunday**
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (please note earlier time)



As part of our 400th birthday celebrations in 2020, we are holding a series of **Community Coffee and Stories** sessions in the Church Hall, commencing on Saturday 30th March from 9.30 a.m.-12.00 p.m.

We know that many of you have your own personal links with Pear Tree be it through a wedding or a long family tradition of ties to Pear Tree. You are invited to come along and share your stories. Roy Rogers, who runs the Land Train at our Summer Fete, will be there to share the story of a family member named on our WW1 memorial, together with representatives from the Friends of Pear Tree Green who will be talking about the history of Pear Tree Green.

PLEASE NOTE ...

that our Mothering Sunday service next Sunday will commence at **9.30 a.m.** This will enable Revd Miles to return to St. Mark's Church to conduct their own service at 11.00 a.m.

~~ THANK YOU ~~

... to all those who organised and supported the Family Fun Evening in the Church Hall on Friday.

PARISH MAGAZINE



The April/May Easter edition is now available on the table. Please help yourself to a copy.